The number of persons prosecuted for smuggling and customs-related offences was over 2100 in 1985-86.

Simultaneously, the Government has also tried to create an atmosphere of healthy growth and investment in the country so that incentives to keep money abroad are reduced.

I would like to re-assure the House that the Government is determine d to work relentlessly to eliminate this evil.

Black money

1379. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have rejected the Finance Ministry sponsored study on black money by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy;

(b) whether it is a fact that one of the members of the project team had disassociated himself from the conclusions and recommendations of the study report;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to initiate any fresh study in this regard through its Department; and

(d) if not, what other methods have been though of to overcome the menace of black money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir. The suggestions of the National Institute of Public Finance & Policy in their report on "Aspects of Black Economy in India" were reflected in the long term fiscal policy laid on the table of both the Houses of Parliament in the winter session of 1985. While framing the policy, the reactions of the Members of Parliament to the suggestions were also taken into consideration. The suggestons on which action has already been taken include *inter-alia* liberalisation of Summary Assessment Scheme and stepping up of searches, prosecutions and survey. The suggestions on which action was to be taken by the State Governments have been brought to their notice for consideration.

(b) Report does not indicate this.

(c) and (d) Questions do not arise.

Arms training to Indian Youths

1380. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that training is being given to Indian youths across the borders in Burma and Bangladesh in the use of arms and insurgent activities; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to curb much activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has more than once taken up with the Bangladesh Government the question of closing down the training camps of Tripura National Volunteers in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh. The Prime Minister has also discussed the matter with president Ershad. The Bangladesh Government have, however, consistently denied the existence of such camps.

The Buremese Government have taken a series of actions against Indian insugents in Burma. Development activities have been taken up and security precautions have been strengthened in the border areas.

U.S. Chinese assistance to pakistan for the constructions of roads

1381. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned U.S., China offer to Pak on road projects